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1. WHILE WE ALWAYS WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND "IN PRINCIPLE" HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH REGIONAL SECURITY PROJECTS FOR MAP, BEFORE GOING AFTER THIS OBJECTIVE WE WOULD NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND THOSE OF OTHERS ON SECRET

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SPECIFIC PROJECTS. THERE IS NOTABLE DEARTH OF IDEAS IN

THIS AREA AND MAP RESOURCES ARE INCREASINGLY SCARCE, AND INDEED NON-EXISTENT TO TWO OF FIVE ASEAN MEMBERS. COUNTRIES IN REGION, SUPPORTED BY US MISSIONS, HAVE CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT AVAILABLE MAP RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL, RATHER THAN REGIONAL, PURPOSES WHICH THEY VIEW AS HAVING PRIORITY. WE CAN SEE PROBLEMS IN PUSHING ASEAN INTO A SECURITY ROLE BEFORE THE MEMBERS THEMSELVES INDICATE A DESIRE FOR SUCH ACTION. ASEAN ITSELF HAS JEALOUSLY GUARDED ITS "INDEPENDENCE" FROM OUTSIDE DOMINANCE AND HAS MOVED WITH CONSIDERABLE CAUTION IN MATTERS OF SECURITY -- VIZ. THE NEUTRALIZATION PROPOSAL -- APPARENTLY NO WISHING TO OVERLOAD THE CIRCUITS PREMATURELY.

2. WELCOME COMMENTS FROM OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS. RUSH

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